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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☐ Other _____2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on March 10, 2005, which followed Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2004 in the subject application, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks along with a Request for Continued Examination and a petition for a two-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Authorization and Petitions begin on page 14 of this paper.